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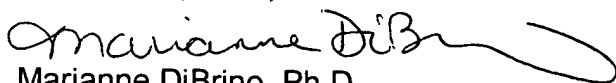
The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 6/24/05 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 3/31/05. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the Examiner. It is noted by the Examiner that the references on page 1 of the said IDS were not provided by Applicant, however the Examiner has supplied them. In addition, the WO 9741227 reference is crossed-out on page 2 of said IDS because it was considered in Applicant's IDS filed on 5/29/01, while the Dalum et al reference is also crossed-out on page 2 of said IDS because it was considered in Applicant's IDS filed 1/20/04. The remainder of the references crossed-out in the IDS filed 6/24/05 were considered by the Examiner in Applicant's IDS filed 4/30/01.

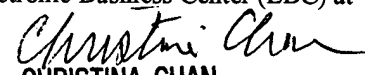
The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 4/27/05 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 3/31/05. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the Examiner. It is noted by the Examiner that the references that were submitted by Applicant on 5/18/04 match the entries in the said IDS filed 4/27/05. In response to Applicant's assertion that no reason was given as to why the references were not earlier considered, the Examiner stated in the Office Action mailed 9/15/04 at item #17 that no form PTO-1449 was submitted with the references on 5/18/04. It is also noted that the IDS filed 5/16/05 and the first page of the IDS filed 6/24/05 are duplicates, therefore, the references in the IDS filed 5/16/05 have been crossed-out by the Examiner.

In addition, the CD submitted by Applicant on 6/3/05 was reviewed for compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(E) and found "not to be proper subject matter" and the "files on the compact discs are not in ASCII".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Marianne DiBrino whose telephone number is 571-272-0842. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Christina Y. Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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